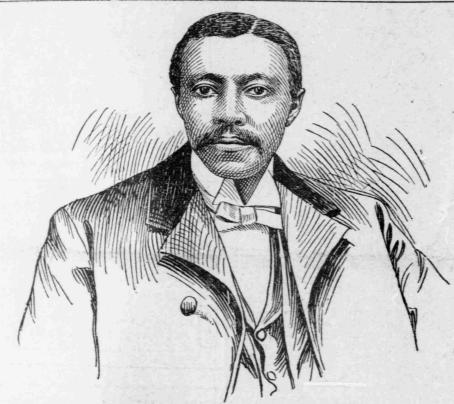


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REV CHAUNCEY I. WITHROW

Pastor of Augusta Street A. M. E. hurch, Sta ton, Va.-Sixteen Years of Usefulness in the nistry

A PASTORS MILESTONE ted to him that ha prove his honesty."

REV C. I WITHROW MAKES A FINE SHOWING.

Approval of The Bishops and his Con greg ti n

Miss Willie A. Anderson, and to hear the splendid anniversary sermon preached by "Self Control."

In the course of his remarks, Rev. Pannel said: "Paul in all of his reasoning never forgets that we are creatures who have to deal with common life. The individuality of a man is determined by of mercy, sympathy and benevolence the road to success

ld not exist. After all we find that it day is he man who has had a trust commit- and wo

ted to him that has an opportunity to

After referring to his years of hard study in College, followed by ten years work as teacher and lecturer, as a preparation for that greatest of all works, the work of the Christian Ministry, Rev. Pannel said he doubted not the sixteen years of experience in the Ministry had The Remarkable Record he has Made been fraught with many crosses, trials, In his Conference Stands Without a and temptations, but without these Parallel and Meets 5/6e Unqualified things, we cannot attain unto what we call virtue. "If there were no sickness or accidents, the science of medicine and skill in surgery would be unknown. If there was no such thing as cold, hun-The members and friends of Augusta ger, and ignorance, we should have no Street M. E. Church, Staunton, Va., need of clothes, shelter, food, fuel, and celebrated the 16th anniversary of their books. His concluding thought was that need of clothes, shelter, food, fuel, and Pastor, Rev. C. I. Withrow's work in the the homes, cities, the pulpits, the church ministry, December 28-29, 1902. A large of God, the world, want just such men. congregation assembled Sunday after- By far the greatest feature of the anninoon at 3 p. m., to enjoy the special versary was the Literary Celebration on music rendered by the Ebenezer and Monday, Dec. 29, at 7.30 p. m. Mr. W. J. Augusta Street Choirs, also a solo by Pryor was master of ceremonies. The Augusta Street choir furnished music. After prayer by Rev. S. M. Tates, Mrs. Rv. R. C. Pannell, of the Ebenezer Bap-tist Church. Rev. Pannell preached from "Sing Sweet Bird," which was well re-Rom. 12:18, and selected for his subject, ceived. Miss L. M. Anderson then read an excellent essay, subject, "An Aim in Life," Miss Anderson among other good things said: "The three great keys to success are, "Aim, Energy, and Honesty; without these all efforts are in vain. Every we see men and women of

his social relations. Domestic, social, and great to be but little energy, sitting on civil relations are true tests of one's the stoo of denothing," because they courage, honor and humanity. But for have no all the life. They will not exthese relations the nobler qualities could ert then were sough to push away the hardly find expression-the finer qualities obstacle that cross their pathway on The world's cry toarted, energetic men ing on the threshold

of the 20 Century, the signs of the times are calling for the best that is in the Negro race. Let us not be satisfied with present conditions or surroundings-but be forever aiming after higher and better things."

Mrs. R. C. Pannel read a very fine paper on the birth, life, and work of Rev. Withrow. Said she: "In the Pine Tree State was born the subject of this scroll, the same month, the same date twelve months from the date that Gen. Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox C. H. Virginia, setting 4,000,000 slaves at liberty. She very fittingly compared his life and work of many years in College, 10 years as teacher, and 16 years in the Ministry to a river, because "the business of a river is to flow. Its banks may be beautiful or pleasant-its current strong or sluggish-its skies blue or clouded. Its waters may mirror flowers in spring and ferns in summer, may float the dead leaves in fall or be hemmed in and pressed by the ice in winter-but So he has moved unit must flow on. falteringly onward; neither beguiled by pleasure or daunted by perils."

Miss Olive Crawford read a very good paper on "What Shall We Read?" happiness is the highest aim in life, she

AN OVATION IN TEXAS

DR. BOOKER T. WASHING-TON THE CYNOSURE OF ALL EYES.

Enthusiastic Reception Tendered by The Leading Business Men of Houston-Greeted With an Acclaim Rivalled Only by The Welcome Extended to Former President McKinley.

Houston, Texas-In this all but southernmost of southern cities, Dr. Booker T. Washington, the great "apostle of industrialism," the proudest product of the Negro people, was, together with his secretary, Mr. Emmett J. Scott, reyally received by black and white citizens ye terday in a way that must have cheer their hearts. This is Mr. Scott's form home, and his friends and neighborhave vied to make the visit a pleasur able one in every possible way. An or-

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